



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 07/08/2019

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 7/6/19

Time: 12:15pm

Location of Offense/Incident: Kingsland Ave. /Hamilton Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 20

Incident Report #: 190554909

Cruiser District: 201

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Incident Summary: On July 6, 2019 at approximately 12:15pm, Chaltu Guyo, 39 years old from Columbus, was operating a 2008 Toyota Highlander on Shore Blvd. West just north of Kingsland Ave. Her passengers were Dereje Kume, 55 year old male of Columbus, Milkessa Kebede, 9 year old male of Columbus, Kananissa Kebede, 7 year old male of Columbus and Leta Galagalo, 11 year old male of Columbus. While attempting to park the vehicle Ms. Guyo lost control of the vehicle and drove into the lake that runs adjacent to Shore Blvd. West. Dereje Kume and one other passenger were trapped inside the vehicle for a period of time before they were rescued by arriving Columbus Fire personnel. Mr. Kume was transported to Mt. Carmel East Hospital by Madison Twp. Medic 181. Madison Twp. Medic 183 transported Leta Galagalo to Nationwide Children's Hospital. Mr. Kume and Leta Galagalo were both listed in critical condition. Columbus Fire Medic 21 transported Milkessa and Kananissa Kebede to Nationwide Children's Hospital where both were listed in stable condition.

July 7th, 2019, Mt. Carmel East Hospital notified the Accident Investigation Unit that Dereje Kume had died from injuries sustained in this crash. Time of death was called by Dr. Hall at 8:01am on July 7, 2019.

On July 8th, 2019 at 3:30 P.M., Leta Galagalo was pronounced dead by Dr. Nickerson at Nationwide Children's Hospital of Columbus. This is the 26th & 27th traffic crash fatalities in Columbus for 2019.

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